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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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Sponsored by:

Assemblyman KEVIN J. ROONEY

District 40 (Bergen, Essex, Morris and Passaic)

SYNOPSIS

Permits board of chosen freeholders to establish “Sharing Resources” grant and loan program to encourage shared services and municipal consolidation.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ACT** concerning municipal shared services and consolidation
2 and supplementing Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. a. The board of chosen freeholders of any county may by
8 resolution establish a “Sharing Resources” grant and loan program
9 for local units within the county that plan to study the feasibility of
10 a shared service agreement, a joint meeting contract, or municipal
11 consolidation. Grant and loan monies may be used to fund studies,
12 consultant costs and one-time start-up costs of a shared service
13 agreement, joint meeting contract, or municipal consolidation. The
14 board of chosen freeholders, in consultation with the Commissioner
15 of Community Affairs, may promulgate rules and regulations
16 necessary to effectuate the purposes of its program.

17 b. The Commissioner of Community Affairs shall provide
18 common guidelines and procedures for the submission of grant
19 applications to a county “Sharing Resources” grant program.

20 c. Applications for one-time start-up costs shall provide that:

21 (1) Local units may apply for financial assistance for the one-
22 time start-up costs necessary to implement shared services. Costs
23 that may be financed through the issuance of debt or capital lease
24 agreements are excluded from this program.

25 (2) The board of chosen freeholders may set limits on aid
26 awards and negotiate the various provisions, costs, payment
27 provisions, and amounts of grants or loans to ensure that the
28 proposed shared service is cost effective and in the public interest.

29 d. The board of chosen freeholders may provide technical
30 support programs to assist local units in applying for grants or aid
31 for studying shared services.

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33 2. The board of chosen freeholders may receive and expend
34 moneys from the State, the federal government, or private
35 individuals, corporations or associations, to meet all or a portion of
36 the expenses of the “Sharing Resources” grant and loan program,
37 and may raise by taxation, pursuant to R.S.40:23-7, all or a portion
38 of the money necessary to pay for the program.

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40 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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43 STATEMENT

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45 This bill permits the board of chosen freeholders of any county
46 to establish a “Sharing Resources” grant and loan program for local
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48 service agreement, a joint meeting contract, or municipal

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5 of Community Affairs, may promulgate rules and regulations
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7 Commissioner of Community Affairs shall provide common
8 guidelines and procedures for the submission of grant applications
9 to a county “Sharing Resources” grant program.

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11 units may apply for financial assistance for the one-time start-up
12 costs necessary to implement shared services. Costs that may be
13 financed through the issuance of debt or capital lease agreements
14 are excluded from this program.

15 The board of chosen freeholders may set limits on aid awards
16 and negotiate the various provisions, costs, payment provisions, and
17 amounts of grants or loans to ensure that the proposed shared
18 service is cost effective and in the public interest. The board of
19 chosen freeholders may also provide technical support programs to
20 assist local units in applying for grants or aid for studying shared
21 services.

22 The board of chosen freeholders may receive and expend moneys
23 from the State, the federal government, or private individuals,
24 corporations or associations thereof, to meet all or a portion of the
25 expenses of the “Sharing Resources” grant and loan program, and
26 may raise by taxation, pursuant to R.S.40:23-7, all or a portion of
27 the money necessary to pay for the program.